



FRANKLY SPEAKING

I'm writing this on Valentine's Day at the Young Eagles event at Sonoma Skypark. Wow the weather is awesome! This last month brought expeditions from 3 top ten most wanted entity's. That's more new ones than I worked all last year! With Heard in March and North Korea potentially this summer, it's looking good.

This months meeting hasn't been decided, but I'm sure we'll get along, somehow...

Until then, keep your Amps tuned and your Aerials resonant.

—Frank KG6N

NEXT MEETING

Wed, February 17, 2016, 7:30pm
City of Sonoma EOC

MINUTES, January 20, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:31ish PM by our esteemed President, Frank Wiebusch, KG6N

Members present at the meeting were: KD6FIL (Dave), KG6QNT (Eileen), K6UUW, (Jim), N6TVN (Carl), KF6FZM (Dick), KE6HID (Andrew), KG6N (Frank), NJ6E (Stan), KA2QQO (Declan), W1EJ (Ed), WB6TMH (Mike), K6KLL (Alan), N7PIB (San).

Guests: KD6RC (Jeff), WX6B (Bill), W6GMP (Earl)

No minutes as the last meeting was the Christmas party..

Introductions

Report from officers:

President: Thanks for coming

Treasurer: We have \$4686.16 in the bank and again denied the Procurement Officer's request to go on a shopping spree! We have taken in \$205 in dues.

Secretary: Hamfest paperwork is in. Need to submit the insurance to the Vets building. Hamfest is April 30th. The DX convention is April 16 and 17.

ACS: Nothing to report.

Website: Looks good, send updates to KD6FIL.

Old Business

Mystery Box: The mystery box made its way back to the meeting. WX6B was the lucky winner of the Mystery box this month.

Young Eagles: We have not made the Young Eagles event in a while. The next event will be February 14, weather permitting.

New Business

California Historical Radio Society Donation: A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$100 from the club treasury to the CHRS.

National Parks on the Air: There is discussion about VOMARC putting on a National Park on the Air event. There are several nearby that are possible. Point Reyes is one of the parks. Stay tuned, more to follow.

N6P: N6KM has handed off the setup for this to KG6N. Looks like this will be happening 20-21 August 2016.

VE Session: There is a VE session scheduled for January 30, 2016 at the Sonoma PD training room.

Presentation tonight: DMR Radios by N6KM.

Future Meeting Presentation: TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 1950ish hours.

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

ARRL Announces Partnership with RFinder -- The Worldwide Repeater Directory

ARRL has established an agreement with [RFinder](#), the creator of a web and app-based directory of Amateur Radio repeaters worldwide, for RFinder to be the League's preferred online resource of repeater frequencies.

RFinder is a steadily growing worldwide repeater directory with over 50,000 repeater listings in over 170 countries. An annual \$9.99



RFinder, the official online repeater directory of ARRL.

subscription to RFinder provides access to

repeater data through its collection of apps for Android and Apple devices, and from nearly any web browser. With one subscription, users have access to repeater data worldwide from computing devices on *Windows*, Mac, Linux, Android, Apple iOS, and popular GPS systems. A growing list of third-party memory programming applications support radio programming. RFinder provides integrated support for *EchoLink* on Android and iPhone, allowing users a one-click connection to repeaters worldwide from the directory.

(From ARRL newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

US House Cosponsor List for Amateur Radio Parity Act Grows

The list of cosponsors for the US House version of the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 (H.R. 1301) continues to grow. The addition of Rep Stevan Pearce, KG5KIQ (R-NM), and Rep Beto O'Rourke (D-TX) as cosponsors on February 1 raises the total to 120 from both sides of the aisle. Pearce and O'Rourke are among four cosponsors to sign on to the bill since the start of the year. The other two are Reps Robert Brady (D-PA) and Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), who became cosponsors on January 12 and 13, respectively.

One of a small handful of hams in the US House, Pearce got his ham ticket in November, after reaching out to then-Rocky Mountain Division Director (now Second Vice President) Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, and New Mexico Section Manager Ed James, KA8JMW, to find



out more about ham radio. He joins his House colleagues Reps Daniel Benishek, KB8TOW (R-MI), and Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), who chairs the House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. During a January 12 hearing on H.R. 1301, Walden called the Amateur Radio Parity Act "a commonsense bill" and urged his colleagues to support it. Brady, Kaptur, Pearce, and O'Rourke may have heeded his advice.

(from ARRL Newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

FOR SALE BY KEN N6KM 938-2626

1. Astron 7a transformer power supply, 7a cca, 10a ics. \$40.00
Bao-feng ht uv-5r, dual-band with battery, plus charger stand, two extra heavy duty batteries, earphone/speaker device, original rubber duck antenna, cloning cable, \$55.00. Mfj speaker/mike \$9.00.

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"Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC."—S. Marler

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1st St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: <http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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—or—

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2016 ACS

Net Control Assignments

	Name	Call
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
MARCH	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
APRIL	JIM	K6UUW
MAY	DICK	KF6FZM
JUNE	MOE	KI6JNU
JULY	KEN	N6KN
AUGUST	GILL	KJ6EIG
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	FK6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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JANUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
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MAY	ED	W1EJ
JUNE	FRANK	KG6N
JULY	MOE	KI6JNU
AUGUST		
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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE FEBRUARY 17, 2016, 7:30PM, CITY OF SONOMA EOC, SONOMA
POLICE DEPARTMENT, 175 1ST ST WEST, SONOMA CA 95476**

SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP 2016

Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member at same address.

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Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1st St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.

Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**